

U. S. Retains Walker Cup

SEVENTH WIN FOR AMERICA IN TEN YEARS

Captain Oumet and Captain Torrance Finish All Square in Match

DUNLAP, SEAVER BOTH VICTORIOUS

American Golfers Face Unexpectedly Strong Fight Today in Wining Coveted Trophy.

BROOKLINE, Mass., Sept. 2 (AP)—The United States today clinched the Walker cup, British-American golf trophy, as Captain Francis Oumet and his 38-hole singles match with Tony Torrance, British leader, after six successive victories in the two day competition for the home forces. It was the seventh straight triumph in the international series for the Americans in ten years.

George T. Dunlap Jr., former American intercollegiate golf champion, defeated Eric McEwen, youthful British player, 10 and 8 in the morning match. Charles Seaver, of Los Angeles, defeated Eric Piddan, 22-year-old Briton, 7 and 6.

Oumet, although victory slipped from his grasp on the last hole, assured the triumph of his team by increasing the American total to 6 1/2 points.

U. S. Never Beaten
The United States has never been beaten in Walker cup play. The Americans won all four fourmomes yesterday and dominated today's singles after a slow start.

Chas. Seaver, Texas ace, contributed the seventh American win by taking the measure of Rex Hartley, 2 and 1.

Joe Sweetser, American veteran, and John Stout, also finished all square through the full 36 holes.

Under Walker cup rules, there is no playoff of matches that finish the regulation round in a deadlock. Oumet, making a remarkable comeback, was one up on Torrance at the end of the morning round. He trailed three down at the turn. Oumet played superb golf by covering the homebound nine in 36 strokes and gained his one up lead on the 18th.

British Checked
The American captain's comeback helped check the spirit of the British forces, who put up an exceptionally strong fight at the outset of today's eight 36-hole matches.

The British were making an unexpectedly strong fight all the way down the line in the man-to-man conflict.

John Stout fought his way to even terms with the British with a 7 and 6. Leonard Crawley, British schoolmaster, gained a one hole lead over another American favorite, George Voigt of New York, this morning.

WHISKERS WILL ADVERTISE THE WALLOWA FAIR

ENTERPRISE, Ore., Sept. 2.—"Say it with whiskers." That is the motto to advertise the coming Wallowa county fair adopted by the community. Every man interested in the country and town has been asked to grow a crop of whiskers in honor of the fair. It is not necessary to raise a full beard, and each man is to be the judge of what foliage he will produce. A mustache, chin or neck whiskers, sideburns, or any combination that appeals to him as ornamental may be chosen by each man, says the committee.

The suggestion that this freak scheme be adopted was made by W. P. Savage who proposed it at the Lions club dinner, where it was endorsed, and a paper was presented to the members of the club pledging themselves to grow whiskers, and to pay a forfeit into the fair treasury in case they weakened and broke their promise. The thing has been done at various western celebrations and originated in the thought of reproducing a practice of pioneer days.

Band Will Play Unless Rain Falls

Unless it rains, the La Grande band concert scheduled for 8 o'clock tonight at the Triangle park will be held. Director Andrew Loney Jr. announced today. "If it rains it will be necessary to postpone the concert," he said, "but it makes no difference how cold it may be, we'll play unless it rains."

The program will be the first outdoor one of the season and will be made up mostly of request numbers.

WEATHER FORECAST
Oregon: Fair tonight and Saturday with rising temperature in the interior. Sunday fair and continued warm; gentle north winds offshore.

WEATHER TODAY
7 a. m. 48 above.
Minimum: 45 above.
Condition: Partly cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 73, minimum 45 above.
Condition: Cloudy. Range—28 degrees.

WEATHER SEPT. 2, 1931
Maximum 91, minimum 53 above.
Condition: Clear. Range—38 degrees.

Monday Will Be Holiday; Offers 2-Day Vacation

Most of Stores to Close; Many are Planning Out-of-Town Trips—Fair Weather Predicted.

Although there will be no Labor day celebration in La Grande this year, the day will be generally observed as a complete holiday. Most of the stores in La Grande will be closed both Sunday and Monday, and the day will be a judicial and governmental holiday, with all city, county and district offices closed. The Observer will not issue a paper on Monday.

The majority of La Grande people, however, are making plans for some sort of observance of the day, either at home or out-of-town. Indications are that the weather will be fair and warmer, which will result in large crowds on fishing streams and lakes, golf links, swimming pools, the highways and picnic grounds. To many this will be the final opportunity for a two-day vacation out of doors during the late summer and before the start of the fall activities, which include reopening of schools, etc.

The majority were urging housewives to do their shopping today or Saturday for the two-day holiday.

Governors of 11 States Invited To Convention

PORTLAND, Sept. 2 (AP)—Henry L. Stevens Jr., national commander of the American Legion, has informed Portland headquarters that he has issued telegraphic invitations to governors of the eleven western states to attend the national legion convention here Sept. 12 to 15.

The invitations went to the governors of Oregon, Washington, California, Idaho, Utah, Montana, Wyoming, Nevada, Colorado, Arizona and New Mexico.

Among the prominent men of the country who are to attend the convention are Patrick J. Hurley, secretary of war; Josephus Daniels, former secretary of navy; Admiral R. H. Leigh, commander-in-chief of the U. S. fleet; Frank T. Hines, veterans administrator; Mayor John M. Curley of Boston; Mayor Frank Murphy of Detroit; David Beck, personal representative of William C. Clegg, president of the American Federation of Labor, and Manford MacNider, former legion national commander.

LEGION LEADERS EN ROUTE
INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 2 (AP)—The national headquarters staff of the American Legion, headed by James A. Barton, national adjutant, left here this morning for Portland, Ore.

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Crowd Pleased With Recital At Christian Church

A large audience heard the piano recital given by Miss Helene Price last night at the Church of Christ. The auditorium was comfortably filled, and each number received perfect appreciation and hearty applause. Miss Price showed unusual talent in her interpretations, and her selection of the program was very pleasing.

The program was in three parts. The first was a group of three numbers from the local course and the second a group of modern numbers, and the climax was Grieg's "Concerto Op. 16," in which two pianos were used. Miss Doris French played the orchestral parts.

Much favorable comment was heard on the excellence of the recital, which was attended by many of the leading pianists of La Grande. Rev. Paul De B. Mortimer, who presided, arranged a number of such programs to be given at the Church of Christ, expressed himself as highly gratified with the program and the hearing which it received, and plans to have a very high class of entertainment to present to the people of La Grande during the coming season.

Miss Stange Sets New Course Record

Miss Anne Stange, stellar golfer among the women at the La Grande country club, yesterday broke her own record and set a new course record for women when she carded a 78. Miss Stange has been playing practically every day during the summer after having won the first flight title in the state tournament in Portland.

Schedule Matches In Golf Tourney

Four matches have been scheduled in the second round of the men's country club championship at the La Grande club, Bob Duhon, pro-La Grande club, and Hal Boone will meet Jack Murphy; Dr. W. K. Ross will be pitted against Paul Meyers; and Charles H. Reynolds will contest.

The majority of the matches will be played during the coming weekend.

'CHURCH MOUSE' IN PERSON

MACON, Ga. (AP)—The proverbial "church mouse" made a personal appearance during an evening worship service here. Whether he came to beg alms was not learned, for his presence created such a disturbance that the minister was able to finish his sermon only after taking time out to allow the congregation to get quiet.

Secret Autopsy Is Revealed In Reynolds Case

Winston-Salem Journal Says Today it Was Learned Bullet Was Fired From Close Range

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., Sept. 2 (AP)—Officials entrusted with the prosecution of murder charges against Libby Holman Reynolds, former Broadway actress, and Albert Walker, Winston-Salem youth, today had before them the findings of four physicians who conducted a formal autopsy on the body of the former's husband, Smith Reynolds, young heir to tobacco millions.

The autopsy was held secretly the night of August 23, the same day on which R. J. (Dick) Reynolds Jr. reached Winston-Salem after a 48-day trip by steamer, airplane and automobile from the Canary islands, where he was cruising when his brother was fatally shot early on the morning of July 6.

Fired From Close Range
Reynolds did not attend the autopsy, news of which has just come out. Authorities declined to discuss the report of the physicians, but the Winston-Salem Journal said today it was learned the bullet was fired from close range, penetrating the right temple and emerging just back of the left ear after ranging downward.

The 20-year-old youth was found mortally wounded on a sleeping porch of the family home, Reynolds, who is an hour after guests at a birthday party had left. Coroner W. N. Dalton, after an investigation, decided it was a case of suicide.

But Sheriff Scott continued to investigate the circumstances with the result that a formal inquest was held, resulting in a verdict of death at the hands of unknown persons. Three weeks later, the Forst county grand jury indicted Mrs. Reynolds and Walker, 19-year-old child of young Reynolds. Each was released in \$25,000 bond.

Testimony given at the coroner's inquest was that the bullet entered the right temple, and left slight powder burns, such as would be made if the muzzle of the pistol were pressing directly against the flesh.

Steady, although speculative rail loans advanced.

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Case advanced more than \$5 to approximately \$64.

Reading rallied \$6.50 to \$82.25.

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FLAMES RAZE SMALL HOUSE ON DIVISION

A three-room house at 507 Division street owned by William Miller, was destroyed by fire early this morning. The alarm was turned in at 5:40 p. m. but the flames had such a start that it was impossible to either save the house or the contents. There was no insurance on the property.

The home was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ebercrouser. Mr. Ebercrouser, who was away from his home at the time of the fire, expressed the opinion to Fire Chief C. T. Lindsay that the fire was incendiary.

The recall was sounded at 6:45 p. m.

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COMMODITIES, STOCKS MOVE HIGHER TODAY

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STOCK EXCHANGE ADVANCE BROAD

Market Strong From Opening—Bond Market Prices Mostly Steady; U. S. Steel at \$50.

NEW YORK, Sept. 2 (AP)—Stocks rallied smartly today, accompanying a rise of a cent a bushel in wheat and a maximum gain of \$2.50 a bale in cotton.

On the stock exchange it was one of the broadest advances of the summer recovery and net gains of \$2 to \$6 were plentiful. Steel shares were prominent, reflecting reports that steel production would be stepped up substantially after Labor day. However, the market was broad and all groups participated. Transactions approximated 3,300,000 shares.

Strong From Opening
Brokers who had anticipated a pre-holiday reaction under heavy profit-taking found they had made another bad guess, for the market was strong from the opening, taking its cue from initial advances of considerable more than \$1 a share in cotton. That commodity extended its gain as the session progressed, reaching its best prices in the last hour when the December position held above 84 cents a pound.

Bond market prices were mostly steady, although speculative rail loans advanced.

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Mayor Walker Steps Down

DOG-GONE GOOD TIME MADE



Charles Farnsworth, residing in Willamette valley, had to make a trip to the Idaho line. He's small, so he trained his dogs to wagon work, hitched them to a little vehicle with ball-bearing wheels, put in a camp outfit, and they rambled right along.

Von Gronau At Kakumabetsu on World Journey

TOKYO, Sept. 2 (AP)—Captain Wolfgang von Gronau, flying around the world with four companions, rested tonight in bleak Kakumabetsu bay, the most northern point of the Japanese empire, where only an occasional fisherman puts in during the summer, and deserted except for himself and his companions.

Tonight he was gathering weather data by radio to determine whether he would start tomorrow on another 800-mile flight to Nemuro over the fog-shrouded Kuriles. Airmen considered this the most difficult part of the Pacific crossing. Colonel Landwehr had several mishaps traversing the Kuriles in 1931.

The decision to begin proceedings for an adjustment of the basic wage scale, it was said, was made by a committee of nine officials representing the managements of all the principal transportation systems. It was understood that the basic wage scale would be reduced by 10 per cent, and that the same time suggest that the question be arbitrated.

The workers' organizations last winter accepted a "temporary" reduction of 10 per cent which began Feb. 1, and is to continue for one year. The proposed basic reduction would supercede this agreement.

Railway officials for some time have been discussing the further adjustment of wages. It was understood the eastern lines were generally agreeable to a renewal of the reduced rates when they expire next spring. At the same time, most of the western roads, it was reported, (Continued on Page Four)

Nebraska Farm Strikers Sign Truce Thursday

OMAHA, Neb., Sept. 2 (AP)—Nebraska highways, which yesterday swarmed with farm holiday adherents, seeking to prevent livestock and produce trucks from entering Omaha today were clear of pickets.

The signing of a truce came in swift and dramatic fashion last night. It followed a hastily assembled meeting of 250 farmers, pickets at Elkhorn, Neb., where Otto Pfeiffer, of Elkhorn, president of the Nebraska-Towa cooperative Milk Producers association, suggested withdrawal of all pickets.

The meeting was called after Sheriff McDonald of Douglas county. (Continued on Page Four)

Lumber Output In Slight Increase

SEATTLE, Sept. 2 (AP)—A slight increase in operations was noted by the West Coast Lumbermen's association for the week ending August 27, with a total of 321 mills reporting production at 20.3 per cent of capacity compared with 19.9 per cent for the previous week. The mills operated at 38.5 per cent of capacity during the same week last year.

During the week 208 of the reporting mills were down and 113 were operating.

A total of 216 of the mills reported current net business was 43.4 per cent over production.

Eagle Pass In Path of Rising Torrent Today

EAGLE PASS, Tex., Sept. 2 (AP)—A surging yellow torrent overflowed the banks of the Rio Grande today, inundating streets in the Eagle Pass business district and part of the Mexican town of Piedras Negras.

Swollen by extraordinary rains, the river was rising at an estimated rate of three feet an hour. It was feared the entire city would be flooded.

Several two-story buildings in the Eagle Pass business district collapsed. Hundreds of residents of the low-lying section of Eagle Pass were carrying their household belongings to high ground and merchants were (Continued on Page Four)

2 Robbers Slain By Officers And Third May Die

Two Policemen And One Bystander Also Wounded in Running Battle in Brooklyn Today.

NEW YORK, Sept. 2 (AP)—Two robbers were killed today during a hold-up of a Brooklyn pawnshop, another was wounded and in a running battle wounds also were suffered by two policemen and one bystander.

Four robbers entered the pawnshop of George Phain in the Red Hook section of Brooklyn and of one he unconsciously set off a burglar alarm which brought Patrolmen Peter Decari and Antonio DeFranco. The robbers began to fire and the policemen responded.

During the ensuing battle, during which other police arrived, George Phain was wounded and Charles Kelly was fatally wounded, and Walter Gunn was wounded so seriously he was expected to die. The fourth robber escaped.

Of the police Decari was critically wounded. Patrolman Ralph Malenfant's gun fell and he was discharged, wounding him in the leg and Antonio Chiacio, a passerby, was slightly wounded in the exchange of shots.

CHICAGO GANGSTER KILLED
CHICAGO, Sept. 2 (AP)—A gangster who once shot and killed Edward O'Donnell's goat after a quarrel was found slain on the southwest side today.

He was Walter Zwolinski. He helped O'Donnell hustle beer in the same district several years ago but lately had been chauffeur for George Brown, another liquor dealer.

Downed O'Donnell, Danny McGonigane and other gang leaders have kept the south side beer business (Continued From Page Four)

Committee Will Study Dumping Surplus Crops

RAIL HEADS TO ASK NEW SCALE

Twenty Per Cent Basic Reduction Will be Sought, Dow-Jones Reports.

PORTLAND, Sept. 2 (AP)—Ray W. Gill, master of the Oregon state grange, today announced the personnel of the new state grange agricultural committee, and said this committee will make recommendations to the action of large buyers and dealers who, he said, are "dumping low-priced surplus crops from one community into other communities and breaking down the market."

The committee is composed of Fred Goff, of Roseburg, chairman; Morton Tompkins, of Dayton, and George Fullenweber, of Carlton.

"I am asking the new agricultural committee to investigate this practice and to make recommendations to the Oregon state grange and Portland market conditions."

Speaking of the "crop dumping" practices, Gill said "this practice is deplorable in normal times but at times like this when many of our major farm crops are selling below cost of production, it is disastrous."

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"I will ask that the committee convene in the near future to take up this subject."

Reduction in Fuel Tax Returns Noted

SALEM, Sept. 2 (AP)—Reduction in consumption of gasoline resulted in the state of Oregon realizing \$110,000 less from fuel tax in July than it did a year ago in July, reports Hal E. Ross, secretary of state.

The July fuel tax report, just compiled by Secretary Ross, shows \$156,800.48 collected this year in contrast with \$666,779.38 paid to the state for fuel sales during the same period last year. The state collects a tax of 4 cents a gallon.

Lakeview Sawmill Will Begin Work

LAKEVIEW, Ore., Sept. 2 (AP)—Lakeview's new sawmill will begin operations within a few days and the charge of lumbering a 100 men throughout the winter, officials said today.

German Fascists To Escape Death

BERLIN, Germany, Sept. 2 (AP)—The five fascists who were condemned to death at Beuthen last week on a charge of murdering a communist during a political brawl, received a commutation to life imprisonment when the federal commissioner reviewed their case today.

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Lists 15,000 Weather Terms
WASHINGTON (AP)—A card index listing 15,000 terms relating to weather has been compiled and is being distributed by Charles F. Fugate, weather bureau. Among them are 500 local names of winds, 50 names for will-of-the-wisp, and 30 variant forms of the word hurricane, now nearly all obsolete.

RESIGNS HIS OFFICE WITH BITTER WORDS

Gov. Roosevelt Refuses to Make Comment on Walker's Quitting.

FREE TO RETURN TO HIS CAMPAIGN

Samuel Seabury Regards Resignation as "Equivalent to a Confession of Guilt."

ALBANY, N. Y., Sept. 2 (AP)—Governor Roosevelt formally and officially ended the sensational Walker case hearing today by signing a gallery of his legal advisers, reporters and a few surprised tourists who had wandered into the "hall of governors." Roosevelt said: "The honorable mayor, J. J. Walker, has resigned. His action in so doing therefore terminated the proceedings before the governor. I therefore declare the hearings closed."

By Raymond Crowley

NEW YORK, Sept. 2 (AP)—James J. Walker is mayor no longer—and the bitter words of his "au revoir" rang through the political world today. Looking like a writhing of the former sparring "Jimmie," the man who rose from Greenwich village obscurity to world notice, handed in his resignation last night while Governor Roosevelt prepared to call him again today for another session of his long hearing on removal charges. Joseph V. McKee, president of the board of aldermen, automatically became mayor.

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that he would seek vindication by running again for the Tammany mayoralty. He was expected to do so in the manner in which Gov. Roosevelt, national leader of the Democratic party, conducted his hearing.

"Americanism," "extraneous inquisition," "travesty," "mock trial," "perversion of the executive power," "studiously unfair," "biased judge," (Continued on Page Three)

MAGNOLIA IS PURCHASED BY EASTERN FIRM

BAKER, Ore., Sept. 2—The sale of the Magnolia mine in the Granite section by W. A. Boyce to a New York syndicate, represented by R. B. McGinnis, and the reported sale of the Cougar and Independence mines to the same concern, is expected to create a revival of mining in that vicinity on a large scale.

The Magnolia property, comprising seven claims covering 120 acres, was the largest ore reserve in the Granite district. The No. 3 tunnel alone is on a vein of 1100 feet and considerable other development has been done.

It is believed to be on the same vein with the Independence mine lying between the other two properties. It is understood that the McGinnis interests will drive a tunnel on the Independence property and drift every way into the other claims.

A large mill and crew of men will be required to handle the ore from the three mines, and as a result of the operation of the properties it is expected to be of great benefit to Granite and nearby sections.

Oregonian Lands Polecat on Hook

MEDFORD, Ore., Sept. 2 (AP)—Friends of H. Pringle are hearing a new fish story.

Pringle went fishing on the Rogue river but instead of getting a steelhead, he says, he hooked—and landed—a polecat.

The animal, unnoticed, started across the river just as Pringle cast his hook. The hook caught in the animal's throat and Pringle reeled it in. His fishing partner, Dick Isaacs, dispatched it with a pole.

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, Sept. 2 (AP)—Wheat prices fluctuated erratically today within a range of about one cent, but the average closing prices were higher. Strength of stocks had considerable influence on wheat. Scattered liquidation of the September delivery was noted early, but this was absorbed by a charge of about 100 men throughout the winter, officials said today.

All Lake county sawmills have been operating at capacity during the past 90 days, operators report, and will continue to run until snow forces a shutdown about Nov. 1.

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VERDICT OF SUICIDE

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